



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of: Seres et al

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For: PROTECTIVE DEVICE FOR
DISPENSING DEVICES

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

This amendment and request for reconsideration is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 01, 1999. The present application includes pending claims 1 - 27

Amendment

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A protective device for dispensing devices which have a document feed path opening for dispensing printed documents, said protective device comprising:

means for covering at least the document feed path opening of the dispensing device to minimize environmental contamination of the dispensing device; [and]

means for providing access to [the document received] documents dispensed from the dispensing device;

means for guiding printed documents dispensed from the dispensing device through said means for covering at least the document feed path opening and into said means for providing access.

5. (amended) The protective device of claim 1 wherein said means for covering at last the document feed path opening of the dispensing device includes: